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Seattle Human Rights Commission Meeting

Thursday, October 6, 2011, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

City Hall - Boards and Commissions Room

Commissioners Present: Jessica Andrade, Jesse Aspuria, Damien Carter, Nika Dahlbacka, Joshua Marshall, Marsha Mavunkel, Merri Ann Osborne, Marty Penner, Mica Powers, Greg Ramirez, Christopher Stearns, Jennifer Yogi

Commissioners by Phone: Roslyn Solomon

Commissioners Absent: Andrew Lewis, Andrea Negrete, Mariah Ortiz, Michael Plengrat,

SOCR Staff Present: Julie Nelson, Michael Chin, Felicia Yearwood

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Welcome: The new leadership team, Chris Stearns, Damien Carter, and Joshua Marshall, welcomed new commissioners and expressed a desire to increase the transparency of the Commission's work during their tenure.

Approval of Minutes: September 1, 2011 minutes were approved as read

SOCR report:

- Julie Nelson introduced Michael Chin, Acting Enforcement Director.
- Fifty four percent of all testing cases showed differential treatment, 69% in race tests, 36% in disability tests. Six charges will result.
- Professor John Powell delivered the keynote address at the RSJI Summit
- November 12 Community vetting of RSJI three year plan, flyer distributed. Julie would like to address the Commission for approximately sixty minutes at its next meeting.

Mayor's 2012 Budget Proposal:

Felicia distributed a summary of the Mayor's 2012 proposed budget. The Commission agreed by consensus to review the city's budget and make recommendations to City Council.

Strategy and Transition:

- Merri Ann and Jesse agreed to work with Marty on the Commission's focus and structure.

Committee Reports:

- Police Accountability draft report is expected to be completed by Monday, Chris will circulate draft to commissioners.
- Right to Food committee will follow up with Pat Taylor and Gail Lasprogata re possible forum at Seattle University. They need contact information from Chris.
- Law and Policy Analysis: Greg and Marsha volunteered to work with Jennifer and Marty on the arrest and conviction records issue.
- October appeals: Damien and Nika to serve on panel, Michael to observe
- Nika joined retreat planning committee.
- Marsha and Chris volunteered to serve on the Human Rights Day planning committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.